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FOR AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: KOREA AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC)

REF: (A) SEOUL 2465; (B) STATE 79304

1. AT RECENT MEETING IN HAVANA NAC COORDINATING BUREAU
"NOTED WITH SATISFACTION" NORTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FOR NAC
MEMBERSHIP. APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED AT NAC FOREIGN
MINISTERS' MEETING IN LIMA IN AUGUST. ROK FOREIGN MINISTER
KIM DONG JO HAS TOLD USG HE FEARS NAC WILL ENDORSE
MEMBERSHIP, ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH'S POSITION
ON KOREAN QUESTION IN UNGA, AND THAT THIS WILL INCREASE

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ROK/US DIFFICULTIES IN DEFEATING A PRO-NORTH KOREAN DRAFT

RES AT 30TH UNGA. DEPT SHARES KIM'S ASSESSMENT BUT NOTES THAT, THOUGH PREVIOUS NAC CONF RENCES HAVE PASSED RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING NORTH KOREA, WE NEVERTHELESS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GAIN SUPPORT OR ABSTENTION FROM MORE MODERATE NAC MEMBERS ON KOREA IN UNGA.

2. DEPT IS AWARE THAT USG HAS INFLUENCE WITH ONLY A LIMITED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL NAC COUNTRIES, AND THAT IT MUST USE CAUTION IN INDICATING ITS VIEWS ON ANY NAC ISSUES LEST IDENTIFICATION OF US WITH ANY SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION CREATE A LASHBACK IN FAVOR OF POSITIONS WE OPPOSE. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO SUPPORT ROK INTERESTS IN NAC BY QUIET APPROACHES TO A SELECTED NUMBER OF NAC COUNTRIES. USG APPROACHES WOULD BE COORDINATED WITH DEMARCHES MADE BY LOCAL ROKG MISSIONS AND WOULD FOLLOW SOUTH KOREAN APPROACHES. ROKG UNDERSTANDS AND SHARES OUR DESIRE THAT USG APPROACHES BE DISCREET.

3. ROKG AND USG ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT PROSPECTS FOR LIMA OUTCOME SATISFACTORY TO ROK ARE SLIM IN ANY EVENT, BUT ARE MARGINALLY BETTER IF ROKG USES TACTIC OF SEEKING NAC MEMBERSHIP ALONG WITH NORTH KOREA RATHER THAN SIMPLY TRYING TO DEFEAT NORTH'S MEMBERSHIP BID. ACCORDINGLY, LOCAL ROKG MISSIONS WILL BE APPROACHING HOST GOVERNMENTS TO ENLIST THEIR SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION ON NAC. AFTER ROKG MISSIONS HAVE INFORMED YOU THAT THEIR DEMARCHES MADE, ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD REQUEST EARLY APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OR OTHER APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL IN GOVERNMENT TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS ABOUT UNILATERAL NK ADMITTANCE TO NAC, AS WELL AS TO SUPPORT ROK APPROACH.

4. YOU MAY DRAW ON FOLLOWING POINTS IN PRESENTATIONS. PRESENTATIONS, HOWEVER, MAY BE MADE IN WAY POSTS DEEM MOST SUITABLE. IN ANY CASE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE ON IMPROPRIETY OF EXTENDING MEMBERSHIP TO NORTH KOREA THEREBY PROVIDING IMPORTANT FORUM TO ATTACK ROK AND THE USG WHILE ROKG IS DENIED AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ITS POSITION. OUR ESSENTIAL OBJECTIVE IS BLOCKING NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP.

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A. USG HAS MADE CLEAR (E.G., THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH IN NEW DELHI) IT UNDERSTANDS AND RESPECTS TRUE BASIS OF "NON-ALIGNMENT" AS MEANS FOR MEMBERS TO PURSUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EXPRESSION OF POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS OUTSIDE AMBIT OF SUPERPOWERS.

B. NORTH KOREA'S MILITARY ALLIANCES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL AS ITS ACTIONS AND POLEMICS ARE

IN CLEAR CONTRAST WITH STATED PHILOSOPHY OF NAC. (NORTH KOREA SIGNED MUTUAL SECURITY TREATIES WITH THE USSR AND PRC IN JULY 1961). THE NAC'S NON-ALIGNED CHARACTER WOULD BE REPUDIATED BY ACCEPTING ONE KOREA AND WOULD SEEM TO REQUIRE EQUIVALENT TREATMENT OF BOTH KOREAS. YUAL ADMISSION DOES NOT IN ANY WAY PERPETUATE DIVISION OF KOREA SINCE NORTH HAS FELT FREE TO JOIN UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WHERE ROK ALREADY A MEMBER.

C. USG UNDERSTANDS ROK APPLYING FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP. THIS IS, OF COURSE, MATTER FOR NAC ALONE TO DECIDE, BUT USG BELIEVES NAC WOULD NOT BE ACTING IN A

NON-ALIGNED MANNER IF IT ACCEPTED ONE KOREAN STATE AND NOT THE OTHER.

D. IF NAC ADMITS NORTH KOREA BUT REFUSES TO ADMIT ROK, SUCH ACTION WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO NORTH KOREAN INSPIRED PARTISAN MOVES INCONSISTANT WITH THE CHARACTER OF THE NAC. OF COURSE, WE FULLY REALIZE THAT A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL NAC MEMBERS HAVE PREVIOUSLY RESISTED THIS PARTISAN COLORATION AND WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A TRULY "NON-ALIGNED: NAC.

E. USG WOULD APPRECIATE HOST GOVERNMENT'S REACTION TO OUR VIEWS, AND ITS THOUGHTS ON HOW THE NAC SHOULD DEAL WITH THIS MATTER.

4. REPORT RESULTS YOUR APPROACHES, INFO SEOUL AND USUN NEW YORK. KISSINGER UNQUOTE

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